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Honorable Michael E. McMahon Member, The Council of the City of New York 250 Broadway, Room 1807 New York, New York 10007

Dear Councilman McMahon:

We are in receipt of your letter of June 3, 2008 addressed to Mr. Alan J. Steinberg, Regional Administrator for Region 2 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The letter has been forwarded to me for reply. In your letter you request the EPA to evaluate a property at 2000 Richmond Terrace located in Staten Island, New York. The property was at one time occupied by John Jewett & Sons White Lead Company, which later became part of National Lead Industries. Thank you for the information and historical documents which you provided.

My staff conducted a site visit on June 13, 2008. Based on the history of the site, EPA will be conducting sampling at the site sometime in the future. We will notify you as soon as we have the results of that sampling.

If you have any questions please contact me or have your staff contact Melvin Hauptman, Chief of the Pre-Remedial Section at (212) 637-4338.

Sincerely yours,

George Pavlou, Acting Director

Emergency and Remedial Response Division